GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PADMA SHRI AWARDS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Animal Welfare has been established by the Government as a category for the Padma Awards;

(b) if so, whether apart from one instance, no one has been awarded the Padma Shri in this field during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Padma Awards are awarded for exceptional/distinguished services in any field.

(b) No one has been awarded the Padma Awards in the field of Animal Welfare during the last two years.

(c) There is no reservation for any particular field in conferring the Padma Awards. All nominations/recommendations received for Padma Awards are placed before the Padma Awards Committee. It is the Committee's prerogative to select suitable persons for the awards, keeping in view the merit of each case.